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## **OPA Daily Digest for 8/28/13**

## **Congressional Inquiries:**

Sen. Chuck Grassley (lowa): 8/27/13: Additional questions on the NPDES permit to the Council Bluffs Water Works. Contact: Sarah Hatch 7199 (open)

Sen. Tom Harkin (lowa): 8/27/13: Additional questions on the NPDES permit to the Council Bluffs Water Works. Contact: Sarah Hatch 7199 (open)

#### **State Government Inquiries:**

None

# **Press Inquiries:**

Washington County Enterprise – Katie Rohman – 8/27/13: Questions about the emergency response award for Washington County, Neb. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Wayne Herald – Clara Osten - 8/27/13: Questions about the emergency response award for Wayne County, Neb. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Elgin Review – Lynell Morgan – 8/27/13: Questions about the emergency response award and photograph taken at the LEPC conference. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Muscatine Journal (Iowa) –** Mike Ferguson 8/28/13: Discussion of EPA quote in article regarding GPC and air pollution standards. Asked for a correction. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

## **Environmental Stories:**

KRCU (Cape Girardeau, Mo.) - Nobody Fully Satisfied With St. Johns Bayou - New Madrid Floodway Draft EIS - 8/27/13 - Nobody was completed pleased with the Army Corps of Engineers' draft plan for the St. Johns Bayou - New Madrid Floodway project at a public hearing Tuesday night in East Prairie. <a href="http://krcu.org/post/nobody-fully-satisfied-st-johns-bayou-new-madrid-floodway-draft-eis">http://krcu.org/post/nobody-fully-satisfied-st-johns-bayou-new-madrid-floodway-draft-eis</a>

**Iowa Public Radio - Farmers, Policymakers Debate Water Quality Regulation** - 8/28/13 - IPR's Clay Masters travels the Des Moines river and talks with various policymakers, farmers and others about Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy. <a href="http://iowapublicradio.org/post/farmers-policymakers-debate-water-quality-regulation">http://iowapublicradio.org/post/farmers-policymakers-debate-water-quality-regulation</a>

**Muscatine Journal - GPC must keep its balance** - 8/28/13 - When Gage Kent was asked Tuesday how Kent Corp. is paying for a \$100 million project at GPC that's designed to help improve the community's air quality, he swallowed hard, smiled, and reminded those gathered that it's all about perspective — and profit. http://muscatinejournal.com/news/local/gpc-must-keep-its-balance/article\_a9cc3820-7592-55d5-a967-e66b29c440f3.html

Muscatine Journal - Letter to the Editor: Community deserves better than bad air - 8/28/13 - Those who are causing our air quality problems tell us that it will all be cleaned up in five years. We want to know, why have exceedances skyrocketed? Is five more years of this a safe choice for our community? At Clean Air Muscatine, we believe the community deserves better than five more years of harmful chemical exposure. <a href="http://muscatinejournal.com/news/opinion/mailbag/community-deserves-better-than-bad-air/article-6cef9e35-a810-5cab-9790-8c4562db9835.html">http://muscatinejournal.com/news/opinion/mailbag/community-deserves-better-than-bad-air/article-6cef9e35-a810-5cab-9790-8c4562db9835.html</a>

Inside EPA - Petition For Iowa Nutrient Limits Renews Battle In Mississippi Watershed - 8/28/13 - Environmentalists are petitioning Iowa officials to issue long-delayed numeric nutrient water quality criteria, renewing the battle over such standards in a key Mississippi River Basin state after EPA in 2011 rejected a petition from environmentalists to set federal criteria for Iowa and several other states in the watershed. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201308282445168/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/petition-for-iowa-nutrient-limits-renews-battle-inmississippi-watershed/menu-id-95.html">http://insideepa.com/201308282445168/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/petition-for-iowa-nutrient-limits-renews-battle-inmississippi-watershed/menu-id-95.html</a>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - DNR orders more temperature monitors at Bridgeton Landfill - 8/28/13 - Missouri regulators have ordered Republic Services Inc. to install three additional temperature monitors in the neck of the troubled Bridgeton Landfill to better track the movement of a fire that's been smoldering deep underground for almost three years. <a href="http://www.stltodav.com/news/local/metro/dnr-orders-more-temperature-monitors-at-bridgeton-landfill/article\_d29660d6-692a-5503-a6d4-47cb5bbadad8.html">http://www.stltodav.com/news/local/metro/dnr-orders-more-temperature-monitors-at-bridgeton-landfill/article\_d29660d6-692a-5503-a6d4-47cb5bbadad8.html</a>

St. Louis Business Journal - Missouri, Illinois lead in clean energy job creation - 8/28/13 - Missouri and Illinois are among the top 10 states for creation of clean energy jobs in the second quarter of this year. <a href="http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2013/08/missouri-illinois-lead-in-clean.html">http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2013/08/missouri-illinois-lead-in-clean.html</a>

Wichita Business Journal - City of Wichita still seeking water-use limits in drought - 8/28/13 - A wet summer has eased concerns about Cheney Reservoir, a key water source for the city of Wichita, drying up in the near future, but city officials said Tuesday that the problem will arise again. <a href="http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/morning\_call/2013/08/city-of-wichita-still-seeking.html">http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/morning\_call/2013/08/city-of-wichita-still-seeking.html</a>

**Environmental Leader - High Plains Aquifer Under Threat, Report Warns** - 8/28/13 - The High Plains Aquifer, a critical water source for US farmers and ranchers, is diminishing at an accelerated rate and nearly 70 percent of it will be pumped out within the next 50 years if existing trends don't change, according to a report published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. <a href="http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/08/28/high-plains-aquifer-under-threat-report-warns/">http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/08/28/high-plains-aquifer-under-threat-report-warns/</a>

Globe Gazette (Mason City, Iowa) - Ag secretary visits Worth County - 8/27/13 - Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey toured a windbreak and wetlands in Worth County on Monday as a part of his efforts to visit all 99 counties in Iowa. <a href="http://globegazette.com/news/local/ag-secretary-visits-worth-county/article\_90491924-0ed2-11e3-beb0-001a4bcf887a.html">http://globegazette.com/news/local/ag-secretary-visits-worth-county/article\_90491924-0ed2-11e3-beb0-001a4bcf887a.html</a>

**NBC News - Missouri town escapes crushing electricity contract tied to coal-fired plant** - 8/28/13 - The small Missouri town where Walt Disney spent his boyhood has freed itself from an expensive electric power contract that threatened it with financial ruin and exemplified problems that some cities in the Midwest are having with a controversial coal-fired plant in Illinois.

http://investigations.nbcnews.com/\_news/2013/08/28/20218859-missouri-town-escapes-crushing-electricity-contract-tied-to-coal-fired-plant

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Small fire put out at Ameren plant in south St. Louis County - 8/28/13 - Nobody was injured and electrical services to customers were not disrupted after a minor fire at the Ameren Meramec power plant Tuesday evening. <a href="http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/small-fire-put-out-at-ameren-plant-in-south-st/article\_dc3de6f6-8e67-5561-8f23-1b8129af2756.html">http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/small-fire-put-out-at-ameren-plant-in-south-st/article\_dc3de6f6-8e67-5561-8f23-1b8129af2756.html</a>

Dredging Today - Corps to Host Webinars on Missouri River Recovery Program - 8/28/13 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting two scoping webinars on September 11th and 18th to listen and solicit comments on the Missouri River Recovery Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). <a href="http://www.dredgingtoday.com/2013/08/28/corps-to-host-webinars-on-missouri-river-recovery-program-usa/">http://www.dredgingtoday.com/2013/08/28/corps-to-host-webinars-on-missouri-river-recovery-program-usa/</a>

Associated Press - Nixon Seeks Disaster Declaration for Missouri Flooding - 8/28/13 - Gov. Jay Nixon is asking the federal government to issue a major disaster declaration for 22 southern Missouri counties hit hard by this month's floods. <a href="http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/08/27/nixon-seeks-disaster-declaration-for-missouri-flooding/">http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/08/27/nixon-seeks-disaster-declaration-for-missouri-flooding/</a>

Des Moines Register - Managing soil is key, group says | Encouraging better practices would reduce need for government payments, it contends - 8/27/13 - Widespread drought and heat forced the government-supported Federal Crop Insurance Program to pay out a record amount in 2012, but the figure could have been sharply lower if proper crop management steps had been taken, according to a report released Tuesday. <a href="http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013308280023&nclick\_check=1">http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013308280023&nclick\_check=1</a>

Kansas City Star - Overland Park wastewater treatment plant honored for using French fry grease to reduce its carbon footprint - 8/27/13 - Old French fry grease — long a fuel option for drivers of certain retrofitted cars — is now reducing the carbon footprint of a large wastewater treatment plant in Overland Park.

http://www.kansascity.com/2013/08/27/4440573/overland-park-wastewater-treatment.html

Wichita Eagle - City of Wichita proposes water-use plan in case of future drought - 8/27/13 - The city of Wichita plans to be ready the next time Cheney Reservoir threatens to go dry. City officials rolled out a proposed water management plan Tuesday for the next time a drought strikes south-central Kansas.

http://www.kansas.com/2013/08/27/2967825/city-of-wichita-proposes-water.html

Associated Press - Farmers apply for state money to reduce runoff - 3/28/13 - Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey says farmers submitted applications for \$2.8 million in cost share funding made available to help implement practices intended to help improve water quality. <a href="http://siouxcityjournal.com/ap/state/farmers-apply-for-state-money-to-reduce-runoff/article-25f4fc5d-b2b2-5219-b044-5a3806a5c8c0.html">http://siouxcityjournal.com/ap/state/farmers-apply-for-state-money-to-reduce-runoff/article-25f4fc5d-b2b2-5219-b044-5a3806a5c8c0.html</a>

**Washington Post - Smarter Food: Does big farming mean bad farming?** - 8/28/13 - Size, as they say, isn't everything. Plenty of small farmers do not embrace sustainable practices — the Amish farmers I know, for example, love their pesticides — and some big farmers are creative, responsible stewards of the land. <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/smarter-food-does-big-farming-mean-bad-farming/2013/08/26/fb1cbb94-0b7f-11e3-9941-6711ed662e71">http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/smarter-food-does-big-farming-mean-bad-farming/2013/08/26/fb1cbb94-0b7f-11e3-9941-6711ed662e71</a> story.html

Philadelphia Business Journal - Report: Fracking companies cheating govt and landowners out of billions - 8/28/13 - A Propublica story featured on Philly.com says that many landowners are told they are going to make millions after allowing hydraulic fracturing on their land, but many of the checks have allegedly come up short. <a href="http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/morning\_roundup/2013/08/report-fracking-companies-cheating.html">http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/morning\_roundup/2013/08/report-fracking-companies-cheating.html</a>

Greenwire - Company aims to manufacture material for 100% renewable plastic bottles - 8/27/13 - A company that is making jet fuel for the military out of renewable materials is hoping to also prove that it can make the chemicals needed for the production of a broad array of plastic consumer goods. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059986474/feed">http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059986474/feed</a>

**Greenwire - Lawsuits link quakes to drilling** - 8/27/13 - A group of Arkansas residents is suing the owners of hydraulic fracturing wells for causing earthquakes in the region. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059986463/feed">http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059986463/feed</a>

Associated Press - Groups sue to stop use of GMO crops in refuges - 8/27/13 - Environmental groups have filed a lawsuit seeking to force the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to stop planting genetically modified crops in wildlife refuges in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri. <a href="http://www.timesrepublican.com/page/content.detail/id/365392/Groups-sue-to-stop-use-of-GMO-crops-in-refuges.html?isap=1&nav=5013">http://www.timesrepublican.com/page/content.detail/id/365392/Groups-sue-to-stop-use-of-GMO-crops-in-refuges.html?isap=1&nav=5013</a>

**Associated Press - Correction: Power Companies-Energy Efficiency** - 8/27/13 - In a story Aug. 25 about lowa utility companies' energy efficiency plans, The Associated Press reported erroneously that Interstate Power and Light's proposed savings would be 814,000 kilowatt-hours over five years. The plan would save 814 million kilowatt-hours. http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/Correction-Power-Companies-Energy-Efficiency-4759368.php

Climate Central - Waste CO2 Could be Source of Renewable Power - 8/26/13 - They could, they argue, pump the carbon dioxide through water or other liquids and produce a flow of electrons and therefore more electricity. <a href="http://www.climatecentral.org/news/waste-co2-could-be-source-of-renewable-power-16382">http://www.climatecentral.org/news/waste-co2-could-be-source-of-renewable-power-16382</a>

Christian Science Monitor - Ogallala aquifer: Could critical water source run dry? - 8/27/13 - The Ogallala aquifer, a critical water source for US farmers, could dry up within the next 50 years, according to a report issued this week. <a href="http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Latest-News-Wires/2013/0827/Ogallala-aquifer-Could-critical-water-source-run-dry">http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Latest-News-Wires/2013/0827/Ogallala-aquifer-Could-critical-water-source-run-dry</a>

Christian Science Monitor - How tiny plankton could give global warming a significant boost - 8/27/13 - A new study suggests that as oceans become more acidic, plankton could produce less of a compound that is key to cloud formation. Clouds help keep earth cool. <a href="http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2013/0827/How-tiny-plankton-could-give-global-warming-a-significant-boost">http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2013/0827/How-tiny-plankton-could-give-global-warming-a-significant-boost</a>

Climate Central - Filling in Some Blanks to 'All of the Above' Energy Policy - 8/27/13 - When President Obama released his Climate Action Plan in late June, it started to provide clarity on what's been deemed an "all of the above" energy production strategy for the U.S. However, the plan was short on specifics. <a href="http://www.climatecentral.org/news/all-of-the-above-energy-pragmatic-or-revolutionary-16396">http://www.climatecentral.org/news/all-of-the-above-energy-pragmatic-or-revolutionary-16396</a>

**Slate - How Many People Were Killed by Love Canal? -** 8/28/13 - When a New York State Department of Health study was released regarding Love Canal residents, the epidemiologists reported that they found no convincing evidence that life by the canal had given people cancer. The overall rate was actually a little lower than for the general population. <a href="http://www.slate.com/articles/health\_and\_science/medical\_examiner/2013/08/love\_canal\_killed\_how\_many\_people\_cancer\_risk\_from\_environmental\_pollution.html">http://www.slate.com/articles/health\_and\_science/medical\_examiner/2013/08/love\_canal\_killed\_how\_many\_people\_cancer\_risk\_from\_environmental\_pollution.html</a>

**Greenwire - Moniz defends Obama's 'practical**, **pragmatic' climate strategy** - 8/27/13 - Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz used his first major policy address here yesterday to defend the president's "all of the above" energy strategy. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/08/27/stories/1059986472">http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/08/27/stories/1059986472</a>

Chicago Tribune - California, federal methods to push renewable-fuel use stir conflict - 8/27/13 - It's even possible that conflicting state and federal policies on renewable fuels, both aimed at reducing global warming, could actually make things worse, some scientists say. <a href="http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/breaking/la-fi-biofuels-20130827,0.5067068.story">http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/breaking/la-fi-biofuels-20130827,0.5067068.story</a>

The Hill - New regs for Wednesday: EPA looks at ozone compounds - 8/27/13 - A slew of new rules and regulations are coming down the pike on Wednesday. The Environmental Protection Agency is excluding a chemical compound from its formal definition of "volatile organic compounds. <a href="http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/pending-regs/318913-new-regs-for-wednesday-epa-looks-at-ozone-compounds">http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/pending-regs/318913-new-regs-for-wednesday-epa-looks-at-ozone-compounds</a>

Greenwire - Agencies accept NEPA advice, but no one tracks whether action follows - 8/27/13 - Federal agencies usually heed U.S. EPA when it comes to National Environmental Policy Act reviews, making changes to environmental impact statements based on EPA's advice, according to a new report by the agency's inspector general. But it's still unclear whether the EIS changes lead to real action on the ground, and whether that action actually mitigates a project's impact on the environment. http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/08/27/stories/1059986477

- BNA States Oppose Infrastructure Legislation, Say Revolving Loan Funds Would Suffer 8/28/13 Passage of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013 would be of great concern to states because it could result in reduced spending on clean water and drinking water state revolving loan fund program. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=35998625&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e1c3x3r5&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=35998625&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e1c3x3r5&split=0</a>
- BNA Energy Department Considers Restarting Stalled Loan Program for Vehicle Technology 8/28/13 The Obama administration is considering restarting a stalled loan program for manufacturers of new clean vehicle technology and related components, an Energy Department spokeswoman said in an e-mail Aug. 27. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=35998640&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1c6j4d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=35998640&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1c6j4d4&split=0</a>
- BNA D.C. Circuit Grants Extension to File Appeal in Biomass Permitting Decision 8/28/13 Federal appellate judges have extended the deadline for appealing a decision that vacated an exemption from greenhouse gas permitting requirements for biomass-burning industries\, <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?</a> fedfid=35998633&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e1c5z8z6&split=0

- BNA EPA Seeks IRIS Reviewers for Updated Analyses of Ammonia, Chemicals in Gasoline 8/28/13 EPA is seeking experts to review draft IRIS assessments of ammonia, trimethylbenzenes, and inhaled ethylene oxide. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=35998662&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1d1e2e9&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=35998662&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1d1e2e9&split=0</a>
- BNA Future Natural Disasters Could Overwhelm Insurance Industry's Ability to Pay, CRS Says 8/28/13 Future catastrophic natural disasters could overwhelm the insurance industry's claims-paying capacity and may warrant intervention by the federal government, new CRS report says. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?</a> fedfid=35998660&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e1d1c2f8&split=0
- BNA EPA Says Processed Municipal Solid Waste Can Be Regulated as Fuel When Burned 8/28/13 Municipal solid waste processed to certain specifications may be regulated as a non-waste fuel rather than a solid waste when burned in certain kilns, incinerators, and boilers, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=35998649&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1c6n7x7&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=35998649&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1c6n7x7&split=0</a>
- BNA Opponents Hope State Department Inquiry Will Postpone Keystone XL Decision to 2014 8/28/13 The State Department Office of Inspector General said its conflict-of-interest inquiry involving a consultant on the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline may not be completed until January, <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?</a> fedfid=35998644&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e1c6m2b4&split=0
- Inside EPA Court's Remand Sets Test Of EPA's Novel Method For Crafting MACT Rules 8/27/13 A federal appeals court's partial remand of an EPA maximum achievable control technology (MACT) air toxics rule for sewage sludge incinerators (SSIs) requires the agency to craft a better explanation for its novel statistical method for crafting MACTs. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/courts-remand-sets-test-of-epas-novel-method-for-crafting-mact-rules/menu-id-68.html">http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/courts-remand-sets-test-of-epas-novel-method-for-crafting-mact-rules/menu-id-68.html</a>
- Inside EPA EPA Emails Reveal Push To End State Air Group's Contract Over Conflict 8/27/13 Internal EPA emails reveal the agency raised significant conflict of interest concerns over government contractor Battelle's contract to give technical assistance to a new group of state air regulators. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/epa-emails-reveal-push-to-end-state-air-groups-contract-over-conflict/menu-id-68.html">http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/epa-emails-reveal-push-to-end-state-air-groups-contract-over-conflict/menu-id-68.html</a>
- Inside EPA EPA Faces Struggle Balancing GHG Cuts, Costs In Existing Utility NSPS 8/27/13 EPA is likely to struggle as it develops greenhouse gas (GHG) new source performance standards (NSPS) for existing power plants in hitting a "sweet spot" that achieves substantial GHG cuts at a reasonable cost. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/epa-faces-struggle-balancing-ghg-cuts-costs-in-existing-utility-nsps/menu-id-68.html">http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/epa-faces-struggle-balancing-ghg-cuts-costs-in-existing-utility-nsps/menu-id-68.html</a>
- Inside EPA EPA Fights Environmentalists' Claim Of No Power To Soften Cement MACT 8/27/13 EPA is fighting environmentalists' suit claiming the agency lacked Clean Air Act authority to soften emission limits and extend compliance dates in its Portland cement sector maximum achievable control technology (MACT) air toxics rule.

  http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/epa-fights-environmentalists-claim-of-no-power-to-soften-cement-mact/menu-id-68.html
- Inside EPA GHG Rule Critics Face Push-Back For Touting Study To Fault Carbon 'Cost' 8/27/13 Foes of greenhouse gas (GHG) rules are embracing a new critique of the economic models underlying the administration's recent upward revision to social cost of carbon (SCC) values. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-Ost/menu-id-68.html">http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-Ost/menu-id-68.html</a>
- Inside EPA Utilities Urge EPA To Extend 'Startup' Time Exempt From Air Rule Limits 8/27/13 Utilities are urging EPA to overhaul its definition of facility "startup" periods exempt from emissions limits as part of the agency's partial reconsideration of its air rules for the sector. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/utilities-urge-epa-to-extend-startup-time-exempt-from-air-rule-limits/menu-id-68.html">http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-08/29/2013/utilities-urge-epa-to-extend-startup-time-exempt-from-air-rule-limits/menu-id-68.html</a>
- Inside EPA Ruling Shows Courts' Split On Air Law Barring State Torts Against Utilities 8/27/13 A federal appeals court has upheld citizens' right to file a state tort law suit over a utility's air pollution, highlighting a split with other circuits that say the Clean Air Act preempts. <a href="http://cleanenergyreport.com/201308272445050/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/ruling-shows-courts-split-on-air-law-barring-state-torts-against-utilities/menu-id-202.html">http://cleanenergyreport.com/201308272445050/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/ruling-shows-courts-split-on-air-law-barring-state-torts-against-utilities/menu-id-202.html</a>

# **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <a href="http://go.usa.gov/Qx5">http://go.usa.gov/Qx5</a>

Local and Industrial Emergency Planners Recognized for Chemical Emergency Planning Achievements throughout EPA Region 7- 8/26/13 – Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

## **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets">http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets</a>

None

# **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 - Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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**RA/Immediate Office** 

None

**Other Events** 

**AWMD** 

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

\*9/5/13 – Chicago Heights Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Pamela Johnson, 7480

\*9/10 - 13/13 - EJ Coordinators Meeting and NEJAC, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649, and Tamara Freeman, 7094

\*9/24 - 25/13 - EJ Small Grant Coordinators Workshop, Arlington, Va. Contact: Brendan Corazzin, 7429

\*10/9/13 – Black Health Care Coalition EJ Small Grant Kick Off, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

None

**ENSV** 

None

**PLMG** 

None

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\*9/5/13 - Chicago Heights Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 and Belinda Young, 7463

#### **SUPR**

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

#### **WWPD**

9/4-6/13 – Kansas Geological Seminar and meeting with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/5-6/13 - Regulatory Environmental Group for Missouri, 2013 Missouri Water Seminar, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, John DeLashmit, 7821

9/9/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/9-10/13 – Nebraska Public Water System Supervision Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

9/10-12/13 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Alexandria, Va. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/11/13 – Missouri Clean Water Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: John DeLashmit, 7821, Bob Angelo, 7060, Ann Lavaty, 7370

**9/13/13 –** KU WaterWorks keynote address, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/16/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/16-20/13 – Sanitary Survey Training, Mt Pleasant, Mich. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

9/18/13 - Missouri Water Enforcement Association, Stormwater/Watershed Management Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067

9/22-26/13 - Ground Water Protection Council meeting with other state Primacy Agencies, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen-Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/23/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/30/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

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